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A Grandson's Tribute

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The Powers family is of Norman origin, the name being originally "le Poer". The family was in England as early as the time of William the Conqueror, one of whose officers bore that name at the battle of Hastings in 1066, as appears on the roll of survivors in Battle Abbey. The name of Walter Poer is found in 1222 as a land holder in England. Our immigrant ancestor, Walter Powers, is believed to have come from Essex, England, and to have landed at Salem, Mass., in 1654. He is mentioned on the Middlesex County records of that year as being fourteen years old. He married in Malden on March 11, 1660/61, Trial, the daughter of Deacon Ralph Shepard of that town. They settled in that part of Concord which is now Littleton, Mass., where he died on Feb. 22, 1708/09. A descendant of Walter in the third generation was Edward of Middletown, Conn., whose father had come to that town from the vicinity of Boston, Mass. Edward and his first wife, Deborah Roberts, also of Middletown, were the parents of Enoch Powers, born April 1, 1791, the seventh in a family of eight children. Enoch learned his trade of tinner or tinsmith from Joseph B. Gilbert, a Middletown tinner, to whom he was apprenticed. Probably soon after his apprenticeship was completed Mr. Gilbert moved to Hartford bringing Enoch with him. They started in business together in a shop on the north-east

corner of State and Market Streets. After one year together they separated, Mr. Gilbert apparently remaining at the old location, where he later appears as a Tin, Pewter and Hardware Merchant, and Enoch going elsewhere. Enoch first established himself in business on the west side of Main Street a little south of Pratt Street. After a short time he moved to his more permanent location on the same side of Main Street a little north of Church Street in a frame building next north of the old St. John's Hotel. That continued to be his shop during most of his life; but probably not long before his death he moved his shop to number 26 Front Street, although apparently also retaining the Main Street shop.

The trade was much more inclusive at that time than it would be today. His principal business was making of tinware of all kinds. This he may have sold directly to customers or disposed of for re-sale to a local store which dealt in such wares. His work ranged from that of tinker in the mending of tin articles that were brought to him for repairing to that of roofer in working upon tin roofs and gutters. He also encroached upon the province of what would now be called sheet metal workers.

The following advertisement by him appears in the *Connecticut Courant*, published in Hartford.

> To all lovers of Frozen Water.
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> The subscriber is manufacturing vessels for preserving ice, superior to anything heretofore in use, very simple in their construction and very cheap considering their utility. With one of these vessels a person may keep ice through the day as clean and pure as when taken from the limped stream. They are excellent things for cooling Butter, Wine or any thing else which is wished to be kept cool

through the heat of the summer, & it would be really an object for those families who use Ice through the summer to make a trial of them at least.

N. B. It is well known that those people who live at a distance from Ice houses lose much of their Ice by exposure to Sun and air while carrying it home, but these vessels are so constructed with Bails, as to be carried as a basket or pail and exclude from the heat. He has supplied several orders from New-York this season, and they are in great demand in that city. Those who wish to purchase will please to call at his Store, a few rods North of the Episcopal Church.

Enoch Powers.

Hartford, July 3, 1821.

He made the box which holds the records and papers which was placed in the conerstone of the present Christ Church, now the Cathedral Church, in Hartford, in May 1828. At that period tinned plate was not as carefully made as it now is and the sheets came in varying thicknesses. It was his habit, as it may have been with other tinners, to shake each sheet and by its sound to judge its thickness and so to sort the sheets accordingly. In 1824 there was only one other tinner in Hartford; but by 1828 three more had established themselves in the city. He is believed to have been a hard worker and his health failed while he was still a young man, it is said from overwork.

Enoch was brought up in the Congregational faith. After his marriage he accompanied his wife to the Episcopal Church, although he never became a member. In a corner of the gallery of that church he taught some of the city's colored population to read as well as, presumably, giving them religious instruction. In

person he was so tall that his wife, who was only of medium height, could just stand under his out-stretched arm. He was evidently somewhat of a joker. One of his features was a prominent and rather long nose. A friend of his was similarly featured. When they approached one another on the street each would take hold of his nose and turn it to one side, that they might not interfere when passing. A customer once brought in some tin article to be mended. He soon returned somewhat irate saying that all the holes had not been closed and adding, "the next time I bring anything to be mended I want you to solder up all the holes." Some time later he brought a skimmer to have the handle repaired. On returning for it he found that not only had the handle been repaired, but that all the holes of the skimmer had been filled with solder, according to his previous instructions.

To call Enoch a poet would doubtless be considered an extreme statement; but he was certainly a ready rhymester. He was a patron of the *Hartford Times* from its first issue and for several years is known to have written the annual "Carrier's Address" for that paper. These addresses were printed by the paper at each new year and given to the boys who delivered the papers for them to sell to their customers. They were in verse and printed on a broadside sheet. They usually contained comments on political, local and sometimes personal matters that might be of general interest. At one time when a new business firm was established in Hartford, and a new sign put up, nearby shopkeepers were invited in to partake of cake and wine in honor of the occasion. As they sat around some one said, "Captain Powers, you should give us something on this occasion." He picked up paper and pencil and at once wrote the following:

S. Tuttle and Son have now begun to trade in
company.
Oh may their sign which looks so fine endure
enternally,
And not come down with every wind that blows
across the store,
But stand all weathers, rain or shine, like rocks
upon the shore.

Tobacco chewing was in those days a prevalent habit and one to which Enoch was an addict. A friend of his when passing the shop used to drop in quite regularly and beg a chew, which was freely given. Finally the habit became so fixed that he would come in and, knowing where the tobacco box was kept, would help himself. At length Enoch tired of this and refused him the box. The friend was incensed at this and asked the reason. Upon which Enoch sent him the following:

You ask me the reason why I should deny you
The right to my box that contains the dear weed.
My answer though short is none the less true,
It's because I've a wife and children to feed.
I never did grudge of tobacco a chew,
Or a dozen or twenty to any dear friend,
Nor would I, kind Sir, ever grudged it to you
Had I thought that of begging you'd ere make
an end.
And since you are hostile to spending your money
For that which you love and cannot do without,
I hope you will find some one else, my dear honey,
Who at your request will launch his box out.

His recreation, perhaps his only one, was an annual visit with his family to Guilford, driving down and stopping over night on the way at Swaddle's tavern in Durham. Arriving in Guilford he would join in a fishing party sailing the nearby waters in pursuit of swordfish

and sharks, which must have been an exciting sport when one of the big fish was hooked.

In August 1826 he visited Faulkner's Island and after his return he sent the following to Edward Kimberly, the light-house keeper on the island:

Never shall I forget my friend,
The happy moments I did spend,
Upon your beauteous isle:
Nor yet the pains you took to please
My fancy, and my mind to ease,
And all my hours beguile.
O could I make your House my home,
For all the autumns yet to come,
And fish around thy shore,
And in thy little Boat so trim,
Across the swelling waves to skim,
Or hear the surges roar.
To fight the furious sharks again,
Midst swelling tide and falling rain,
And view their awful might;
To see them with their tails so stout,
The rolling billows lash about,
And snap their teeth through spite.
And when some hours have thus expired,
And faint and weary, wet and tired,
I to thy house retreat,
My nimble feet descend the hill,
And from the well your pitcher fill,
With water cool and sweet.
And then O what a glorious sight,
Is in a moment bro't to light,
And spread before my eyes;
The gen'rous juice from cane distill'd
And bottles with old Cognac fill'd,
Which no one would despise.

O then a cooling draught I take,
My strength to raise, my thirst to slake,
And sinking spirits raise;
Then sit me down, my calmut smoke,
And talk and laugh and hear the joke,
Then round your Island haze.
But most of all I love to hear
The dinner horn, so loud and clear,
Call to the gen'rous feast;
And see the spacious table spread
With black-fish, lobsters and sheeps-head,
For every welcome guest.
I'll surely be with you if life
Is spared to me, and my dear wife,
Who loves the sport full well;
And spend a week from toil and care,
And feast upon your bounteous fare,
When summer next shall tell.

This poem was first printed in the *Shore Line Times* some fifty-five years ago. Considerable manuscript verse written by Enoch was long preserved, but cannot now be located.

Enoch appears to have had quite a flare for military life, and was captain of a company in Hartford for probably more than ten years. His earlier captaincy was of the Independent Rifle Company. It was while in command of this company that he is believed to have seen service with it in the War of 1812. His widow always claimed that he and his company served in that war, acting in guard duty at New London for three months and perhaps serving elsewhere on the Connecticut coast. Back when the writer was in his teens he was told by a Mr. Tuttle of Hartford who was then an old man, but well preserved physically and active mentally so that he was still in business, that he

remembered seeing Captain Powers march off at the head of his company to serve in the War of 1812. Also the widow of Joseph B. Gilbert, when far advanced in years, recalled that Captain Powers and his company passed her home when on their way to enter service in that war. The published records of those who served in that war from Connecticut do not contain his name; but that may be because his company was in fact as well as in name an independent company and was not a part of the regular state militia. The uniform of this company under his command was of dark forest green cloth with a rather long coat and the officers uniforms ornamented with a stripe of narrow gilt braid. This dress was theoretically supposed to enable its wearer to go stealing through the woods like an Indian without being seen. A number of the regiments of the Connecticut militia had one or two rifle companies as a part of their complement. The First Regiment of the militia, which included the area of Hartford and vicinity, did not include any rifle company until 1822, at which time provision appears to have been made for the addition of two rifle companies to it. The State Register for that year lists the officers of one of these companies, while the space for the other company is marked "Vacant". It seems reasonable to believe that arrangements were being made at that time to incorporate the Independent Rifle Company into the First Regiment of the militia; for in the State Register for the following year, 1823, the vacancy in that regiment has been filled by a rifle company with Enoch Powers as its captain. His name is continued as captain of the company in the Registers for 1824 and 1825. An official record reveals that Captain Powers with his company was one of the military companies that did duty on the occasion of the visit of and reception to the

Marquis Lafayette in Hartford on Sept. 4, 1824. His widow retained his sword for many years after his death; but it finally slipped away, how or when she could not in later years recall.

About 1827 Enoch's health failed and he made a trip to the then West, probably to Ohio, where David, his next older brother resided, returning after several months much improved. But again his health failed and he was obliged to give up his business, and after some weeks of confinement to his home he died on Dec. 28th, 1828, and was buried in the North Cemetery in Hartford. His home was a small house on the north side of Church Street, between Main and Trumbull. The house stood nearer the street than those adjacent to it, so that during his illness he could look from his window and see the passing on Main Street and note the progress in the building of Christ Church on the corner of Main Street.

Sophia Teresa Collins and Enoch Powers were married April 30, 1817. She was born June 16, 1797, the daughter of Friend Collins and his wife Philena Norton* of Guilford. Both of these families were among the earliest settlers of that town. Her mother dying when she was a child, she was brought up in the family of her grandfather, Darius Collins, a well-to-do resident of Guilford. She received a good education for a girl of that period, being sent to a school in Middletown, where she boarded in the family of Josiah Powers, Enoch's oldest brother, and later being sent to a "finishing school", so-called, in New York City. It was probably while attending that school that she wrought

*On a worn and faded leaf of the record of this family, probably taken from some Bible and apparently the work of a professional writer, the name is written Philana Norton. This is probably an error on the part of the writer.

a picture in colored silks which is now in possession of the writer. It represents the Nativity and shows the Christ Child in the manger, the mother, two of the Magi, the head of an ox, sheaves of straw, and trees in the distance. Edward Powers, another brother of Enoch's and six years his senior, married Julia Collins of Guilford. It was doubtless because of this marriage that Enoch became a visitor to that town and there met Julia's niece Sophia, then a child, and became attentive to her and continued these attentions as she grew up with the result that they were married shortly before she reached her twentieth birthday. She was confirmed in Christ Church, Hartford, April 16, 1820, and is mentioned ten years later on the records of that church as a communicant. Her burial service was conducted from the chapel of that church. It would appear from his Faulkner's Island verse that Sophia was wont to accompany her husband on his fishing expeditions "and loves the sport full well". After her husband's death Sophia supported herself for many years in her own home by binding the tops of shoes for John H. Goodwin & Co., manufacturers and dealers in footwear, and perhaps also for William Lawrence. The binding of shoes was at that time a distinct branch of shoe manufacture, and other women in Hartford besides Sophia were engaged in that work. The last quarter century of her life she passed at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Carlos Bates, in East Granby. She was an active person, busy about the house or in knitting, of which she was very fond. The writer can recall when a boy seeing her drive off alone on a Sunday morning to attend service at the nearest Episcopal Church, which was at Tariffville about five miles distant. He also remembers her brisk step as she frequently walked to the post office, nearly a mile away, for the daily mail. There were many

chestnut trees on the Bates farm and it was her delight, so long as she was able, to gather these nuts. The trees nearest the house were usually reserved for her picking, and starting out with a pail and a bag she would return with the bag well filled, sometimes in her later days so heavy that she could not bring it up the slope to the house. Her last few years were shrouded in darkness, due to cataracts which finally caused total blindness. This was evidently an inherited affliction, for quite a number of her descendants, her collateral relatives and their descendants, have been similarly afflicted. She died Oct. 23, 1886, after a short illness. The children of Enoch and Sophia T. were:

Hannah Spencer, born Feb. 27, 1820. She resembled her mother.

Emily Collins, born Sept. 1, 1822.

Jane Adelia, born Feb. 22, 1828. The two younger children resembled their father.

NOTES ON

THEIR DESCENDANTS

HANNAH SPENCER POWERS, eldest daughter of Enoch and Sophia T. was born Feb. 27, 1820, and baptised in Christ Church, Hartford, Oct. 7, 1821. She married on May 19th, 1840, Austin Crocker Stowell, son of Dexter Stowell and Achsah Crocker* his wife of Petersham, Mass. Previous to her marriage she had been employed in Hartford at different times by the Silk Manufacturing Company in reeling the threads of silk from the cocoons, also by some Rogers, probably Asa, Jr., in packing flat silverware to make it ready for sale. They started housekeeping on the north-east corner of State and Market Streets in Hartford. He was born Feb. 1, 1816, and died in Brooklyn, N. Y., Nov. 14, 1853. He was a manufacturer and wholesale dealer in straw goods, straw braid, hats and bonnets and perhaps other millinery. He had a widely extended trade, doing considerable business in the English maritime provinces. After his death his widow made a trip to Nova Scotia and returned with more than $600 in gold that had been due him there. Various causes resulted in the removal of his business and their residence at differ-

*This name is given in the published Stowell Genealogy as Achsah (Smith) Crocker, thus indicating that her maiden name was Smith. That is an error. Her maiden name was Achsah Crocker and it is so given on both the record of her birth and the record of her marriage to Dexter Stowell in the Stowell family Bible. Achsah appears to have been a favorite name in the family, for two other Achsah Crockers are mentioned on a copied leaf of Crocker records inserted at some later date in the same Bible.

ent times to Amherst, Springfield, Boston and Chelsea, Mass., and New York City and Brooklyn, N. Y. When living in Boston they were very friendly with the minister of the Universalist Church there, and both probably united with his church at that hime.

Mrs. Stowell married on Dec. 12, 1861, as his second wife, Carlos Bates of East Granby, the son of Erastus Bates and Amelia Higley his wife, born in East Granby (then Granby) March 23, 1808. He was a farmer and business man. For the twenty years next previous to the Civil War he traveled in the South during about six months of the year as a collector for the firm of Erastus Case of Canton, clock manufacturers. He died Dec. 20, 1878, and is buried in Elmwood Cemetery, East Granby. Mrs. Bates continued to reside at the homestead until the last few years of her life, which were passed at the home of her son Austin P. Stowell, where she died Jan. 7, 1907.

Children of Austin C. and Hannah S. Stowell were:
Elisabeth Jane, born in Hartford, Feb. 23, 1841.
Susan Mary, born in Amherst, Mass., Aug. 23, 1843; died in Chelsea, Mass., Nov. 12, 1847.
Emily Sophia, born Aug. 21, 1845; died in Chelsea, Mass., Nov. 30, 1847.
Austin Powers, born in Chelsea, Mass., March 29, 1848.
Infant, born Nov. 15; died Nov. 18, 1853.
Children of Carlos and Hannah S. Bates are:
Son, born Aug. 6; died Aug. 10, 1863.
Albert Carlos, born March 12, 1865.

Elisabeth Jane Stowell, eldest child of Austin C. and Hannah S., born Feb. 23, 1841; made her home for many years with the family of Henry Fay of Brookline, Mass., where as a member of the family, she assisted

in caring for and bringing up the children and in superintending the running of the house. Nearly every summer she spent several weeks at the home of her mother, Mrs. Bates, in East Granby, frequently bringing Mabel, one of the Fay children, with her. She was a handsome woman, with a round face, brown eyes and curly hair which became gray at an early age. She married on Oct. 25, 1878, Amos Leander Cheney of Athol, Mass., a manufacturer of cotton batting in that town. He died March 26, 1891. They had no children. After the death of her husband and the marriage of their foster daughter, Mabel A. Stowell, she made her home with her, living at different times in Dorchester and Springfield, Mass., Hartford, Conn., and again in Dorchester. She died Feb. 12, 1923, in the City Hospital, Quincy, Mass.

Mabel Adelaide Stowell, her niece and their foster daughter, was born in East Granby, June 18, 1880. She came to live with Mr. and Mrs. Cheney when about seven years old and was brought up by them. She married, first, William E. Wheeler of Athol; second, William L. Evans, sometime of Hartford. She married, third, Harold P. Jones. He is a salesman for a steel company, dealing in unfinished material. They reside in Milton, Mass. There have been no children of these marriages.

Austin Powers Stowell, son of Austin C. and Hannah S., was born March 29, 1848. He came to East Granby to live after his mother's marriage there, and married on July 4, 1870, Eliza Odell Merriman, daughter of Edward Merriman and Sophia A. Viets his wife of Windsor. She was born June 11, 1853; and died Sept. 17, 1886. He was employed for a time in the Clark Cigar Shop in East Granby, where he met Eliza who was also

employed there. After that for a considerable period he assisted his father-in-law, Carlos Bates, on his farm. Later he worked a small farm of his own. He also kept a small grocery store in his home and sold groceries from a wagon. He was skilled in the handling of tobacco and in the basement of his home sorted many crops for different people. He married, second, in Glastonbury, June 1, 1889, Caroline Elizabeth Greene of Holyoke, Mass., daughter of Orrin Greene and Nancy Eliza Stoddard his wife, born in Tolland June 18, 1845; died May 30, 1929. He died May 27, 1931. His children all by his first wife, are:

Henry Fay, born October 31, 1871; died May 28, 1872.

Herbert Carlos, born Oct. 13, 1873.

Mabel Adelaide, born June 18, 1880. After the death of her mother she went to live with her Aunt and Uncle Cheney in Athol, Mass., and was brought up by them as their foster daughter.

Ruth Elizabeth, born March 25, 1886.

Albert Carlos Bates, the youngest child of Carlos and Hannah S., was born March 12, 1865. He entered the employ of the Connecticut Historical Society in Hartford, where he was librarian and recording secretary for forty-seven years, and upon declining reappointment was made librarian emeritus for life. For forty-one years he was chairman of the society's publication committee and in that capacity compiled and edited the numerous publications of the society. Trinity College, Hartford, conferred on him in 1920 the honorary degree of M.A. He married Alice Morgan Crocker, daughter of Jeremiah and Cynthia Morgan Tucker his wife of Hartford. Following her graduation from the Hartford High School she became an assistant in the

newly created Hartford Public Library, later becoming head cataloguer and continuing with the library until her marriage. She is a member of the Ruth Wyllys Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution in Hartford and was recording secretary of the Chapter for several years and has taken an active part in the work of the Society. She is also a member of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in Connecticut through descent from Elder William Brewster and his son Love Brewster. They reside in Hartford. There are no children.

Herbert Carlos Stowell, son of Austin P. and Eliza O., born Oct. 13, 1873; married Oct. 16, 1893, Harriet E. Bassett, daughter of David Bassett and his wife Katherine Morgan of East Granby, born July 6, 1874. Residing in East Granby, he delivered milk to customers in Windsor Locks for several years, and following that he was the proprietor of a general store in East Granby for some years. He then turned to farming; first in East Granby, next in Windsor, and then on a farm of his own in Granby, where they now reside. Their children are:

Roger Herbert, born Aug. 13, 1903.
Kenneth Bassett, born Jan. 30, 1908.

Ruth Elizabeth Stowell, daughter of Austin P. and Eliza O., born March 25, 1886; married in New York City in 1904, Patrick Henry McAuliffe, born in New York City, died July 25, 1913, at the age of thirty-five. He was a farm worker in East Granby. Previous to his marriage he had been a seaman in the U. S. Navy on board the "New York". For his service during the Spanish-American War he received the "Santiago de Cuba" medal or decoration suspended from a ribbon. He visited many foreign ports and cities and used to write very interesting letters describing the places and sights

he had seen. Unfortunately his letters and the diary that he kept while in service were destroyed after his death by one who did not appreciate their interest. She married, second, Leverett Pierce Bull, son of Lester W. Bull and Georgianna Pierce his wife of Barkhamsted, born Dec. 27, 1873; married Nov. 23, 1911; died March 29, 1939. He was a teamster residing in East Granby. She died April 7, 1928.

Children of the first marriage are:
Harold John, born May 19, 1905.
Philip Thomas, born April 10, 1907.
Norman Stanley, born Jan. 20, 1910.
Child of the second marriage is:
Melvin Leverett, born Sept. 27, 1912.

Harold John McAuliffe, born May 19, 1905. He has been a farm worker in East Granby, Bloomfield and for one season in Maine. In Aug. 1942 he entered the U. S. Army and was sent to Hawaii as a private in the 102nd Ordinance Company. Later he was stationed on the Marshalls, Iwa Jima and Saipan. He was promoted to Technician, fifth grade, and was honorably discharged in Aug. 1945 and returned to East Granby.

Philip Thomas McAuliffe, born April 10, 1907; married Ruth O'Connell of Hartford, who is not now living. There were no children. He has been a farm worker in East Granby and a truck driver in Hartford, doing both local driving and going on long distance routes from that city. He entered the U. S. Army in 1943 as a limited service private. He first drove an Army truck at Camp Kilmer, New Jersey; later was transferred to New York City where he drove an Army mail truck, and later was again transferred back to the New Jersey camp. He was honorably discharged in Sept. 1945, and has returned to Hartford and truck driving.

Roger Herbert Stowell, son of Herbert C. and Harriet E., born Aug. 13, 1903. Since 1926 he has been employed in the Hartford office of the Standard Oil Co. of New York and its successor the Socony-Vacuum Oil Company, where he has held positions of responsibility including for a number of years, that of cashier. He married Avis Sackett of Windsor. They reside in East Granby. There are no children.

Kenneth Bassett Stowell, born Jan. 30, 1908, son of Herbert C. and Harriet E., married Oct. 30, 1933, Eunice Irene Shaw, daughter of Guy L. Shaw and Irene B. Elmer his wife of Simsbury. Before her marriage she was employed in a general store in Simsbury and became manager of the store. He has done garage work in Granby and Simsbury and is now employed in Hartford in the garage of the Bryant and Chapman Company, milk distributors. They reside in West Simsbury. Their child is:

Peter Bassett, born May 1, 1943.

Norman Stanley McAuliffe, son of Patrick H. and Ruth E., born Jan. 20, 1910; married April 2, 1931, Carolyn Leffingwell Palmer, born in Hartford, July 15, 1910, the daughter of Robert Henry Palmer, Sr., and Gaynell Isabel Richards his wife who are now of Bristol. In June 1926 he entered the employ of the Travelers Insurance Company in Hartford and after about fifteen years was transferred at his request to the Travelers Fire Insurance Company, from which he enlisted in the U. S. Navy in April 1944. Following training he was first stationed at the Torpedo Testing Range, Montauk, Long Island, N.Y.,as a seaman, second class. Later he was transferred to the Naval Ordnance Laboratory in the U. S. Navy Yard, Washington, D. C. Three promotions have given him a present rating of Store Keeper

Disbursing, second class. He is at present assigned to receiving all material coming to the Laboratory. Before their marriage his wife taught in a private school for young children in Windsor, and at present, while he is in service, she is teaching in a district school in Rainbow. They reside in the Rainbow section of Windsor. Their children are:

Gaynell Ruth, born Feb. 5, 1935.
Gary Palmer, born May 1, 1938.

Melvin Leverett Bull, son of Leverett P. and Ruth E., born Sept. 27, 1912; married March 21, 1940, Avis Brown at Keene, N. H., daughter of David Brown and Lillian C. Story his wife, born July 1, 1922, at Antrim, N. H. After working for a time in a store at Poquonock in Windsor he went to Stoddard, N. H., where he hauled lumber and worked for the town on its roads. He moved to East Granby, Conn., and while living there worked for the United Aircraft Corporation in East Hartford and in Longmeadow, Mass. Returning to Stoddard he soon after entered the U. S. Army in April 1945 and was sent to a camp in North Carolina for training in artillery service. He has now been sent to the Pacific. Their children are:

Ruth Joyce, born Sept. 16, 1940, in Stoddard.
Lillian Ann, born Dec. 16, 1942, in East Granby.

Emily Collins Powers, the second child of Enoch and Sophia T., was born Sept. 1, 1822, and baptised in Christ Church, Hartford, Aug. 24, 1823. She married John W. Palmer of East Hartford. Their home was near the Connecticut River on a tract sometimes known as the island, because at each spring freshet it was surrounded by water, which sometimes rose to a height that brought it onto the lower floor of their home,

necessitating a retreat for a short time to the second floor. He was by nature a river man. During the summer he made a business of taking parties out in his sailboat, sometimes going down the river and cruising on Long Island Sound, or perhaps going to some designated place on the river bank, where he would prepare a chowder for the party. In the winter he would sometimes get out a rough ice boat of his own construction and race on the river, to the frequent discomforture of his competitors with their more elaborate and expensive outfits. He was born Dec. 2, 1818, and died June 2, 1891. His wife died Dec. 19, 1875. They are buried in the Center Cemetery, East Hartford. Their children were:

Laura E., died March 1, 1841, aged one year and ten months. (The compiler is not certain if this girl was a daughter of John W. and Emily C. Palmer or belonged to another Palmer family.)

Son born and died May 24, 1844.

Edward W. died Aug. 7, 1849, aged one year and six months.

Emma J. died Aug. 22, 1849, in the first year of her age.

Julia Collins, born July 27, 1851.

Annie S., born Oct. 15, 1853; died March 8, 1932. She married a Mr. Loveland. She was employed by the firm of J. M. Ney & Co. of Hartford in trimming sheets of gold leaf to the desired size and mounting them in books ready for sale. There were no children.

George S., born March 10, 1856, and died when about fifty years of age. He married and lived in South Norwalk, where he was a superintendent in a manufacturing plant. Like his father, he was fond of the water and was the owner of a sailboat. There were no children.

John P., born Feb. 3, 1858; died March 2, 1909, in East Hartford. Most of his life was passed in the West. He never married.

Elizabeth J., born May 15, 1860.

Laura E., born May 21, 1863; died June 20, 1933. She was for forty-seven years an operator and later a supervisor in the office of the Southern New England Telephone Company in Hartford. She never married.

Julia Collins Palmer, daughter of John W. and Emily C., born July 27, 1851; married Sept. 28, 1871, John F. Ney of Hartford, born Dec. 16, 1843. He was an expert metalurgist in the employ of the firm of J. M. Ney & Co. of Hartford, goldbeaters, of which his brother was the head. He was also an amateur astronomer and the maker of several reflecting telescopes, for which he ground the lenses. He died Nov. 26, 1915. His wife died Nov. 11, 1905. Their children are:

William, born July 27, 1872, died unmarried when about forty years old.

Elsie Louise, born Aug. 1, 1877; married Charles A. Ellis. He is a civil engineer, frequently called as a consulting engineer, and an expert in higher mathematics. He was for a time an official in a bridge building company, and is now a professor in Purdue University, West Lafayette, Ind. They have no children.

Elizabeth J. Palmer, daughter of John W. and Emily C. born May 15, 1860; married June 12, 1879, George K. Wilcox of East Hartford, born Sept. 18, 1856; died in 1890. He was employed in the publication office of the *Hartford Post*. His widow moved to Hartford where she died Sept. 28, 1932. Their children are:

Luie E., infant daughter, died April 2, 1881.

Robert Leslie, born April 26, 1882; married, first,

Edith Erickson; second, Delia Talley. They reside in Hartford, where he is employed by the Underwood Elliott Fisher Co. There have been no children by either marriage.

Guy Palmer, born Jan 1, 1889.

Arthur Benjamin, born Feb. 9, 1891. He was for some years in the employ of the Hartford Fire Insurance Company; now resides in Meriden where he is employed in the Meriden Hospital.

Philip Baker, born Aug. 27, 1893.

Guy Palmer Wilcox, son of George K. and Elizabeth J., born Jan. 1, 1889; married June 14, 1913, Anna Clark, born April 11, 1891, daughter of Ogilby G. Clark, born in Aberdeen, Scotland, and Martha Kerr his wife of Gault, Canada. They reside in Delmar, N. Y., where he is a letter carrier. Their children are:

Donald, born June 20, 1914; married June Becker of Bayside, Long Island, N. Y. He is a Staff Sergeant in the U. S. Army and is now stationed on Okinawa. She is now living in Delmar, N. Y.

Florence, born May 21, 1916; married May 18, 1944, Leland B. Reynolds of Albany ,N. Y. He is in the U. S. Army, a Sergeant in a Tank Destroyer Company and is now stationed in Germany.

Doris, born March 10, 1920.

Philip Baker Wilcox, son of George K. and Elizabeth J., born Aug. 27, 1883; married Oct. 2, 1926, Mabel Parkes, daughter of Alfred J. R. Parkes and Mabel Flynt his wife of Wethersfield. He is employed at the United Aircraft Corporation in East Hartford. They reside in Wethersfield. Their children are:

Howard Roy, born Jan. 8, 1928.

Allan, born Oct. 6, 1934.

Doris Wilcox, daughter of Guy P. and Anna, born March 10, 1920; married Edward Reed of Schenectady, N. Y. He is now in the U. S. Army, a private, first class, and is stationed in France. Their child is:

James Edward, born Oct. 14, 1944.

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Jane Adelia Powers, third and youngest child of Enoch and Sophia T., was born Feb. 22, 1828, and baptised in Christ Church, Hartford, Feb. 8, 1829. She married George Wheelock, who was born Nov. 17, 1825, and died May 2, 1861. They resided in East Hartford. The writer has no information concerning him. His picture would seem to indicate a mild and pleasant person, and these were the traits that characterized his daughter. His widow moved to Hartford, where she supported herself by sewing carpets. The dealer after selling a carpet and cutting and fitting it to the room in which it was to go, would bring it to her home to have the breadths and borders sewed together. She married, second, Francis Fitzgerald of Hartford, a baker, who had served in the First Company, 22nd Regiment of Connecticut Volunteers during the Civil War. He died Sept. 13, 1885. She died March 5, 1889. They are buried near her parents in the North Cemetery in Hartford.

Their children by the first marriage were:

Adelaide Sophie, born Nov. 15, 1857; died Dec. 11, 1915. After being graduated from the Hartford High School in 1876, she taught in the primary room of the Brown School in Hartford for nearly twenty-five years.

George Everett, born Nov. 15, 1859; died Sept. 3, 1861.

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